



6/22/04

TAX INCREASE

HB 5632 (Julian)

TOBACCO TAX

6/17:

- *EMERSON 1 (S-2) was defeated [RC 416: 16 yes, 21 no]. This would have raised the cigarette tax by 75 cents per pack. The additional tax revenues would go to Medicaid and the Healthy Michigan Fund (\$30 million).*
- *Sikkema 2 (S-) was defeated [RC 417: 5 yes, 32 no]. This would raise cigarette taxes by 75 cents per pack. The additional tax revenues would be placed in the state's General Fund.*
- *Sikkema 3 (S-10) was withdrawn.*
- *HB 5632 was passed for the day.*

6/22:

- *George 4 (S-11) was adopted [no RC].*
- *SWITALSKI 4A (4 amends) was withdrawn.*
- *SWITALSKI 4B (4 amends) was withdrawn.*
- *SWITALSKI 4C was adopted [no RC]. 100% of the new tobacco revenue would go to Medicaid for the next 15 months (instead of only 3 months in George 4, S-11). After that, 75% to Medicaid and 25% to General Fund. The amendment would eliminate the George substitute funding dedicated to the Life Sciences Corridor.*
- *HB 5632 passed with IE [RC 422: 20 yes, 15 no].*

THIRD READING

SB 1171 (Van Woerkom)

SB 1171 would define abandoned vehicles as litter. The concern that propelled this bill is that it is fairly common in southeast Michigan to find abandoned vehicles by the side of the road that have been filled with waste. The state police have no numbers on how frequently this occurs, however. There are currently 13,000 abandoned vehicles in the system which is a typical number.

Support: MI Towing Association, MEC.

- Basham 1 (S-1) was adopted. The sub. will create a range of fines from \$500 - \$2,500 for the first offense.
- SB 1171 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1241 (BARCIA)

SB 1241 would allow a city to establish multiple neighborhood improvement authorities for the purpose of halting property value deterioration and increase property tax valuation where possible in a residential district. The bill would provide cities with a much-needed economic development tool to develop neighborhoods, increase property value and property tax revenue, and attract new residents and businesses.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1241 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1278 (Birkholz)

SB 1278 would prohibit a person from operating an airboat within 450 feet of a residence between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. at a speed exceeding that required to maintain forward movement. The prohibition would not apply to the operation of an airboat in any of the following situations: in an emergency when necessary to protect public safety; in the event the airboat had run aground and needed to be freed; or for a governmental purpose, if the airboat were clearly marked and identified as being used for a governmental purpose.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- SB 1278 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1279 (Allen)

SB 1279 would allow for an income tax checkoff so an individual may contribute \$2 or more of their refund to the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund.

Support: MUCC.

- SB 1279 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

SB 1280 (Birkholz)

SB 1280 would create a Citizen's Committee for Michigan State Parks. The committee would, among other things: 1) advise and make recommendations to the governor, commission and legislature on state parks policy, 2) seek the development of a broad variety of programs, facilities, and services for our citizens utilizing state parks, 3) inform and educate the public about the importance of and need for state parks.

Support: MUCC, DNR.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1280 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1281 (Stamas)

SB 1281 would create a "Gem of the Parks" award, a "Volunteer of the Year" award, and an "Employee of the Year" award.

Support: MUCC, DNR.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1281 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4062 (WOJNO)

HB 4062 would require the Department of Community Health to establish a 24-hour toll-free telephone consumer complaint line for nursing homes. The bill would delete the seven-day deadline for the DCH to help a person reduce an oral complaint to writing, and instead require the DCH to do so as provided below.

Support: AARP, MI Advocacy Project, MI Assn. of Long Term Care Ombudsmen, MI Protection and Advocacy Service, Health Care Assn. of MI, DLEG.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- HB 4062 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 5094 (MURPHY)

HB 5094 would require, upon the request of a school superintendent the superintendent or his/her representative, the head of the local road authority (or MDOT) or their respective representative, and the local law enforcement or their representative shall meet at not less than 5 year intervals and decide whether to conduct a traffic and engineering study to determine the need of a school cross walk within a safe distance from a road with a speed limit of 25 miles or more per hour.

There is an enacting section that this law be named after 13-year old Jasime Miles, who was killed while crossing the street to attend school in the Waverly School District on May 13, 2004.

Support: MDOT, Michigan's Children, Safe Miles for Jasmine Committee , CRAM, MML.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- HB 5094 was moved to 3rd Reading.